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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Dr. Roberts did not believe he was paying compensation for employment and if the only job of Ms. Heath, according to her, was to provide sex, the so-called agreement is clearly illegal and unenforceable. She was, at all times, only in the relationship acting as a 'working girl' for compensation." - Attorney for recently dismissed LSU Alumni Association President Charlie Roberts in response to a lawsuit filed by Roberts' former

Dear Johnette,

A disagreement between University Health and the LSU Medical School in Shreveport over money owed the school was widely reported by media outlets throughout the state last week. The LSU System alleged the hospital owes the medical school \$25 million and gave UH a deadline of this week to pay the balance. [Click here to read the LSU letter.](#)

Meanwhile, University Health claims the amount owed is much less. The hospital paid close to \$7 million last Friday and put another \$11 million in escrow. [Click here to learn more about UH's response.](#)

There is no word yet from either party regarding next steps.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- BPCC Chancellor Dr. Jim Henderson and current NSU Provost Dr. Lisa Abney are among four finalists for the top job at Northwestern State University. The University of Louisiana Board is expected to pick the successor to Chancellor Randy Webb at a special meeting scheduled for September 23rd. [Shreveport Times, 08.22.14](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The WISE Council is hoping to have a final decision in September on which criteria to use in determining who gets a share of the \$40 million for workforce development. So far, there has been considerable disagreement among system heads. [Shreveport Times, 08.26.14](#)
- The Southern Board of Supervisors has voted against extending President Ronald Mason's contract, which will be up in June 2015. Board member Joe Gant said, "It's

girlfriend.



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unproductive when the board and administration are in an adversarial role. There's a culture here that we'll have to change." ***The Advocate, 08.25.14***

- Interim Grambling President Cynthia Warrick says she hopes to fill many of the vacancies she's created since arriving July 1st with current employees at Grambling. Warrick says she also believes the faculty understand the reasons for the layoffs. "They have all acknowledged to me that change was inevitable and necessary," she said. ***The Associated Press, 08.25.14***

National Higher Education News

- The Washington Post Editorial Board is arguing the "gainful employment" rule is unfairly targeting for-profit institutions. In an opinion piece this weekend they asked, "Why not come up with standards that make sense and apply them to all schools that accept federal student loan aid?" ***Washington Post, 08.23.14***

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Sincerely,

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